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SETTING UP OF A HI-TECH INTERNATIONAL FACILITY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to participate in setting up of a Hi-Tech International Facility at Germany;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the expenditure to be incurred and its sources of finance in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes Sir. India has recently signed its intention to enroll in the International Facility for Anti-proton & Ion Research (FAIR) at Darmstadt Germany.

(b) This international facility, with participation of 13 other countries including China, Russia, UK, France, Spain, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Sweden, Finland and Italy is to be set up at a total construction cost of 2.7 Billion Euros spread over a period of 7 years including operation & maintenance cost for 10 years. The participation of India in FAIR project is to achieve global benchmarks in nuclear engineering technology with potential for dual use applications of technology as well as in use of nuclear engineering for clean energy requirements of India and also to carry out experiments for understanding the basic structure of matter and utilization of anti-particle beam lines.

(c) India intends to put 3% of the cost, in kind by way of supply of equipments etc. to be shared by the Department of Science & Technology and the Department of Atomic Energy.